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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-4.

Claims 1, 5-6 and 9-10 are amended.

Claims 2-4 and 7-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 11-19 are added.

Remarks begin on page 5.